# Quantifiers.

**Grammar: *some*, *any*, *much many*, *little*, *few* and *a lot***

**1 Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.**

**1** I wanted to buy _____ biscuits, but I didn't have _____ money, so I went home to get _____.

**2** Do you have _____ brothers or sisters?

**3** Would you like _____ sugar?

**Now complete the rules. Use *some* or *any*.**

**a.** In positive sentences, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.

**b.** In negative sentences and questions, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.

**2 Complete the sentences with *much*, *many* or *a lot (of)*.**

**1** There are _____ people here.

**2** Patrick didn't have _____ time.

**3** We haven't seen _____ places yet.

**4** There wasn't _____ point in hanging around.

**5** Gary doesn't seem to have _____ friends, but his brother has _____.

**6** The tourist office didn't have _____ information to give us.

**Now complete the rules. Use *much*, *many* or *a lot (of)*.**

**a.** In positive sentences, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.

**b.** In negative sentences and questions, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and _____ before plural countable nouns. However, it is possible to use _____.

**3 Complete the sentences with *little*, *few*, *a little* or *a few*.**

**1** Well, I've got _____ time to spare. Shall we go out and grab a coffee?

**2** There were _____ people at the party, so it was rather boring. We left early.

**3** Would you mind if I asked you _____ questions?

**4** Jon seems to have very _____ luck. Nothing ever goes right for him.

**5** As there were only _____ items on the agenda, we finished the meeting early.

**6** Come on, hurry up. I've got _____ time to spare.

**7** Frankly, there were only _____ places left, so we would never have got in even if we'd called earlier.

**8** We've been back to Turkey _____ times now, and we always enjoy it.

**Now complete the rules. Use *little*, *few*, *a little* or *a few*.**

**a.** We use _____ and _____ before uncountable nouns.

**b.** We use _____ and _____ before plural countable nouns.

**c.** _____ and _____ express a positive idea, whereas _____ and _____ express a negative idea.

**d.** We say very _____ and very _____, but only _____ and only _____.

**What to expect in the exam**

Part 1 of the Reading and Use of English Paper focuses mainly on vocabulary. You need to know the meaning, grammar and collocations of a word. This is an area of the exam where the use of expressions of quantity might be checked. Try the example of Part 1 of the exam below.

**Part 1**

For questions **1–8**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**s**).

Example: A number B few C quantity D several

**The meeting**

We were surprised that quite a **(0)** _____ people turned up at the meeting. We knew that there were a **(1)** _____ of people opposed to foxhunting in the village, but we didn't think that **(2)** _____ would be prepared to come out on a cold, wet Wednesday evening. Walter spoke for a **(3)** _____ moments about what the committee had been doing during the past month, then we asked whether there were **(4)** _____ questions from the audience. A young man, who was sitting **(5)** _____ seats back from the front, pushed his chair back, stood up, and said that there was very **(6)** _____ point in having meetings if **(7)** _____ was prepared to take **(8)** _____ sort of action.

**1 A** lot **B** many **C** few **D** little

**2 A** much **B** lot **C** many **D** lot of

**3 A** little **B** several **C** few **D** some

**4 A** a **B** any **C** much **D** a lot of

**5 A** a number **B** a little **C** number **D** a few

**6 A** few **B** small **C** little **D** minor

**7 A** someone **B** everyone **C** anyone **D** no-one

**8 A** any **B** many **C** a lot of **D** several